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### PATENT APPLICATION

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 12615US02

**Box Patent Application** Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Inventor(s):		Charles Stone and David Summers					
Title: STRIPPED POROUS POL			PED POROUS POLYMER I	FILMS AN	ID METHODS OF MAKING SUCH FILMS		
1.	Type o	of Application					
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		⊠ uti	lity patent.	X	continuation		
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					continuation-in-part (CIP)		
					of prior application Serial No. 09/451,478, filed November 30, 1999.		
2.	. Application Papers Enclosed						
			Title Page				
		<u>27</u>	Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract & Drawings)				
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		_1	Page(s) of Abstract				
		6 Sheet(s) of Drawings (FIGs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 3, 4)					
			⊠ Formal				
			☐ Informal				

## **CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on November 2, 2001, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EL567274084US.



	3.	Dec	Declaration or Oath				
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	Executed by (check all applicable boxes)						
			X	Inve	entor(s) (copy from prior application	on)	
				Leg	al representative of inventor(s)		
				(37	CFR 1.42 or 1.43)		
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					The petition required by 37 CF required by 37 CFR 1.47 are effee.	R 1.47 and the statement nclosed. See Item 5D below for	
	☐ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.						
4.	Additio	Additional Papers Enclosed					
			Preliminar	y Am	endment/Remarks		
		☐ Information Disclosure Statement, including copies of cited references					
			☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit				
			Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence				
		☐ Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27					
			Associate Power of Attorney				
		☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application					
	☐ An assignment of the invention						
	☐ Certified copy(ies) of application(s):						
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from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed							
☑ Other: Petition To Accept Photographs As Drawings.							

## 5. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

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	В.		Design Application (\$165.00/\$330.00)	Filing Fee:	\$	
	C.		Plant Application (\$255.00/\$510.00)	Filing Fee:	\$	
	D.	Otl	ner Fees			
			Recording Assignment [Fee \$40.00 per assign	nment]	\$	
			Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventor or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor	-		
			to sign or cannot be reached [Fee \$130.00]		\$	
			Other		\$	
			Total Fe	ees Enclosed	\$	926.00
6.	Metho	d of	Payment of Fees			
		X	Enclosed check in the amount of:		\$	926.00
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Date: November 2, 2001

### 7. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or under other applicable rules (except payment of issue fees), to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

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## PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPHS AS DRAWINGS

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84(b), applicants hereby petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to accept photographs as drawings for FIGs. 3 and 4 of the above application. Three (3) sets of photographs are submitted herewith.

Photograph are necessary in this case because of the nature of the subject matter of the application. Specifically, FIGs. 3 and 4 are scanning electron microscopy (SEM) photomicrographs (500 times magnification) of the starting porous polymer film and the stripped porous polymer film, respectively. Areas of high

surface density present in the starting film illustrated in FIG. 3 are absent from the stripped film, as shown in FIG. 4. The photomicrograph of the stripped film also exhibits more open pores at the surface compared to the starting film, as illustrated in the photomicrographs of FIGs. 3 and 4. Further, the FIG. 4 photomicrograph shows that the stripped film exhibits increased surface roughness, which is an advantageous characteristic in certain applications.

Please charge the \$130.00 petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), as well as any additional fees incurred in connection with this petition, to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

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